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SUMMARY: EXTEND OF RIOTING LESSENED IN CAPE PROVINCE OVER WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 11-12 BUT SIX DEATHS WERE REPORTED IN SCATTERED INCIDENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. THREE MEN WERE REPORTED SHOT AND KILLED BY PRIVATE CITIZENS IN CAPE TOWN SUBURB OF MATROOSFONTEIN SEPTEMBER 12 DURING ATTACK BY STONE-THROWING GANG ON FAMILY SHOP.
THREE OTHERS REPORTED KILLED BY POLICE FIRE IN SEPARATE INCIDENTS IN WESTERN CAVN TOWNS OF FISHOEK,HONTAGUE AND MOSSEL BAY. IN CAPE TOWN THERE WERE APORADIC INCIDENTS OF STONING IN BISHOP LAVIS, ELSIE'S RIVER, RAVENSMEAD, NORTHERN SUBURB OF MALKBORSSTRAND, AND "BLACK" TOWNSHIPS
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OF LANGA AND GUGULETU. SOME CARS REPORTED EAMAGED BY

STONING YESTERDAY EVEING (SEPTEMBER 12) ON MAIN ROAD FROM CAPE TOWN TO D.F. MALAN AIRPORT.

2. A "WHITE" PRIMARY SCHOOL WAS BADLY DAMAGED BY FIRE IN SOUTHERN SUBURB OF MUISENBUERG, AND AT SEVERAL WHITE PRIVATE BOARDING SCHOOLS IN SOUTHERN SUBURBS PARENTS HAVE FORMED A "VIGILANTE" COMMITTEE TO PATROL GROUNDS AT NIGHT. RESIDENTS OF A WHITE SUBURB NEAR DIEP RIVER HAVE REPORTEDLY FORMED ARMED VIGILANTE PATROLS FOLLOWING STONING OF SEVERAL HOUSES IN THE AREA. OUTSIDE CAPE TOWN, IN ADDITION INCIDENTS NOTED ABOVE, THERE WAS UNCONFIRMED REPORT OF A SEVENTH DEATH AT FRANSCHOEK WHERE A MAN REPORTEDLY SHOT BY PRIVATE CITIZENS AFTER STONING OF PRIVATE VEHICLE.

3. IN EASTER CAPE, LOVENDALE TRAINING COLLEGE, WHICH RE-OPENED LAST WEEK AFTER BEING CLOSED SEVEN WEEKS DUE TO ARSON, WAS AGAIN DAMAGED BY FIRE. SEVERAL CLASSROOMS DAMAGED AT ESTIMATED COST OF AROUND 20,000 RAND (R1-\$1.15). SOME 400 SCHOOL CHILDREN WERE REPORTED ARRESTED AT THREE SCHOOLS IN PORT ELIZABETH AFTER DEMONSTRATIONS THERE. SOME WERE RELEASED FOLLOWING PAYMENT OF 30 RAND FINES, OTHERS RELEASED INTO PARENT'S CUSTODY.

4. COMMENT: INCIDENT AT MATROOSFONETIN, ACCORDING INFORMED SOURCES, APPARED TO HAVE BEEN MORE A CASE OF COMMON HOODLUMISM THAN ANY SORT OF POLITICAL PROTEST.

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